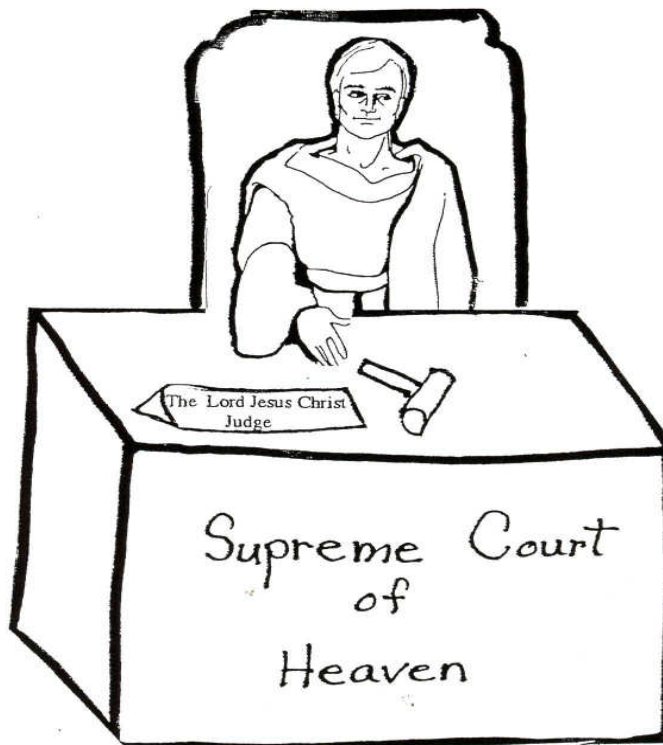


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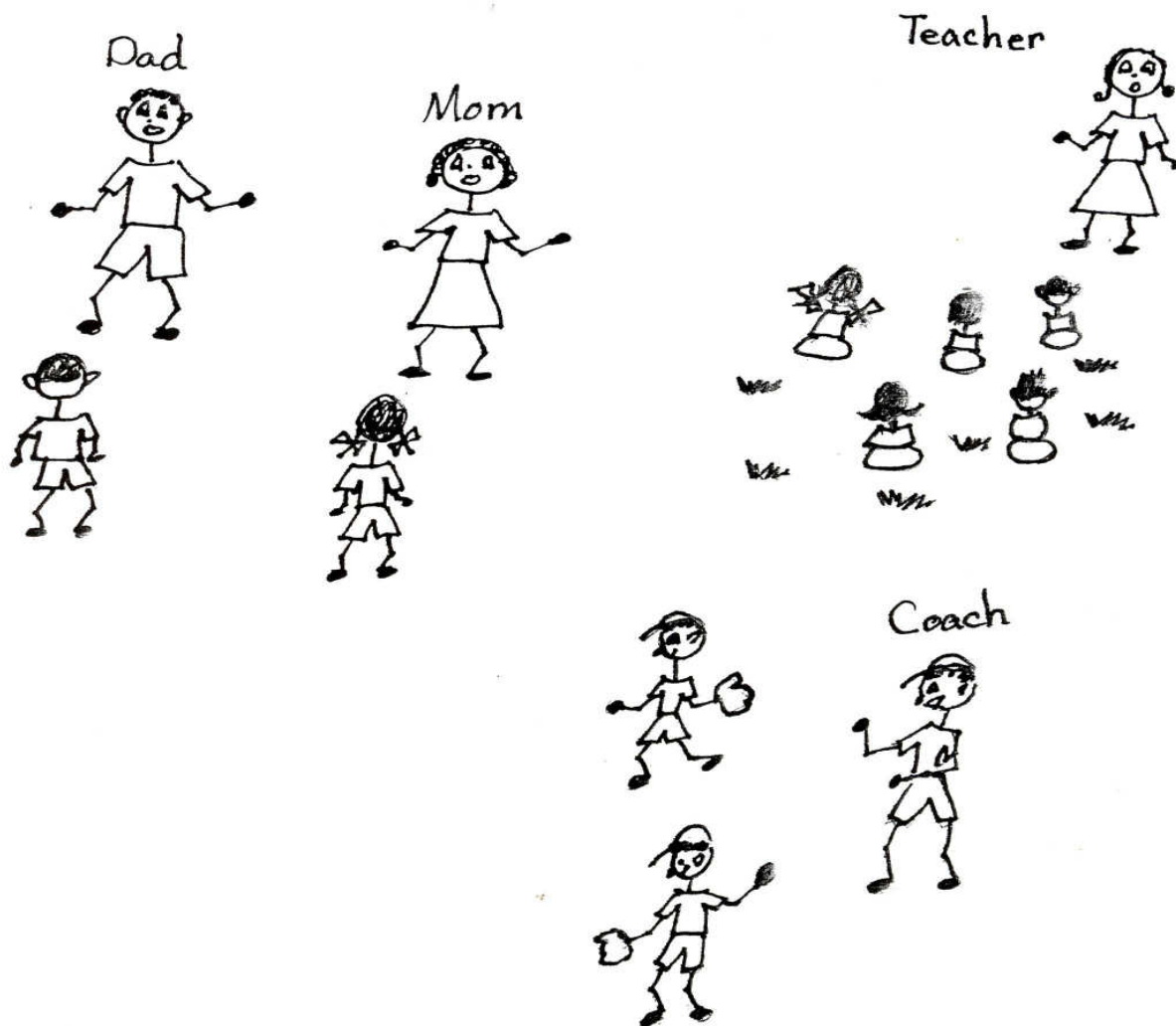
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The Lord Jesus Christ has the responsibility and the privilege to act as the Supreme Court Judge. We are not judges. We are not to judge others (tell them their sins). We have enough trouble handling our old sin natures!



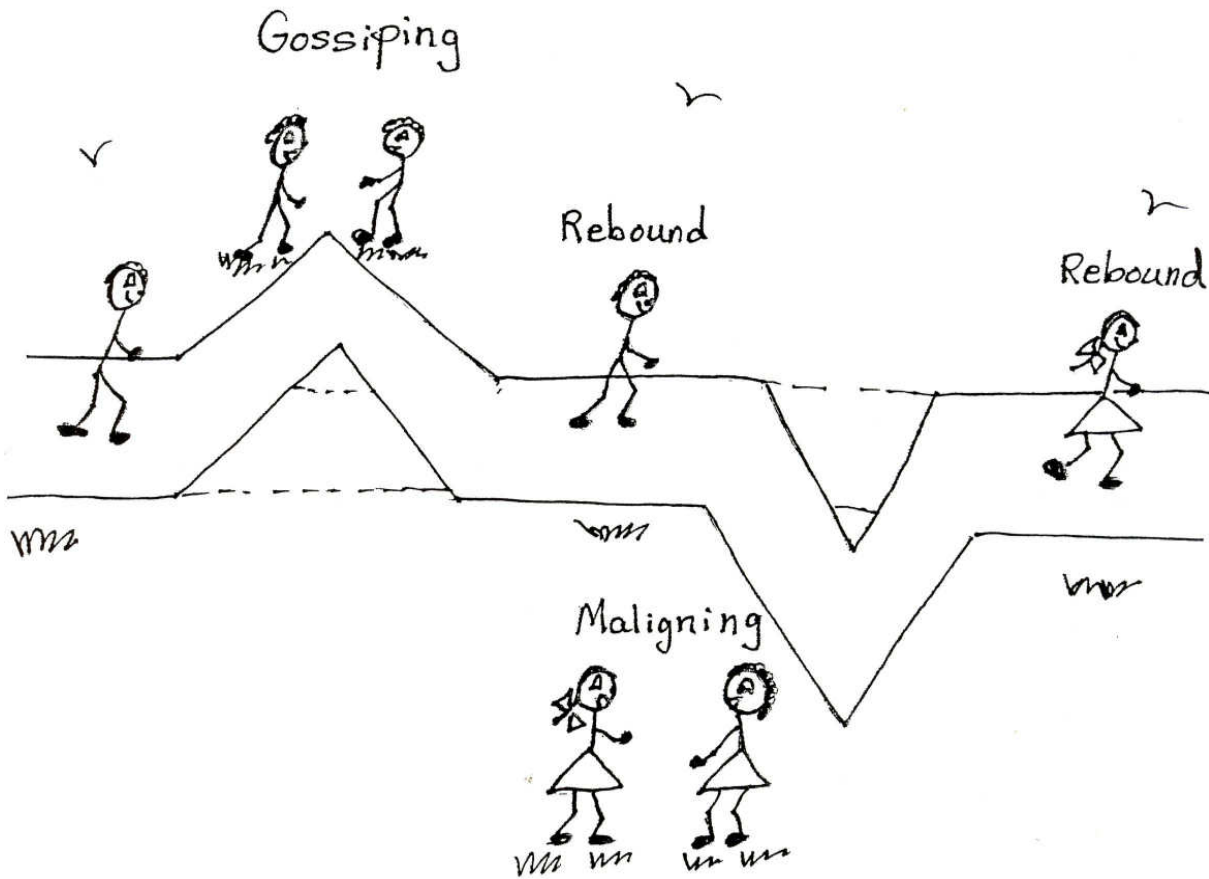
"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, [how harsh, cruel you are] it will be measured to you [you'll get what you give]." Matthew 7:1-2

Sometimes adults have to evaluate people under their care (tell them how they are doing). This is to be done with love and concern.



"Let no corrupt communication proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear."
Ephesians 4:29

There are times when we malign others. That means that we see their sins and we tell others. Other times we gossip. That means that we tell the sins of others because someone told us. We did not even see the people commit the sins! Maybe they didn't commit the sins! When we are maligning and gossiping we are on the wrong track. We need to rebound and keep moving!



"Without wood a fire goes out; without gossip a quarrel dies down."
Proverbs 26:20

"A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret."
Proverbs 11:13

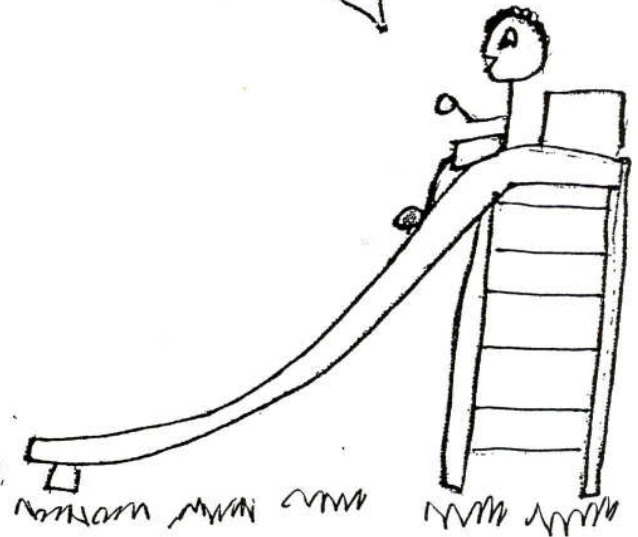
Sometimes we tell lies about other people. We think that this will make us look good. Wrong! It will only hurt us. It is hard to remember what lie we told to what person! We get caught in our own lies. How confusing!



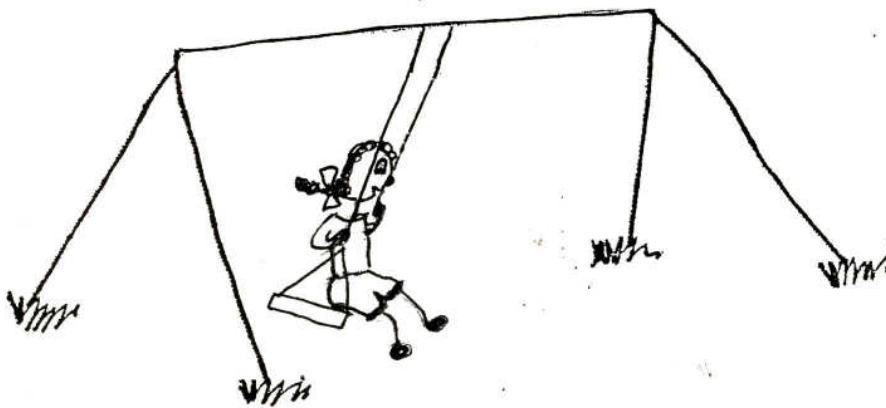
"A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who pours out lies will not go free." Proverbs 19:5

We can, and do, also lie to ourselves! Imagine fooling ourselves! What fools! We try to be something that we aren't. However, if we stick with the Word of God, God will point out who we are. The Holy Spirit will teach us the truth and we can let go of the lie. What a relief!

I'm such a great person. I always please others. I do what they want to do. Human viewpoint is important to me and they think I'm super!



Don't fool yourself! You can never always please others. The Lord Jesus Christ's thinking, Bible doctrine, is what counts. Divine viewpoint is the way to go!



"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to Whom we must give account."

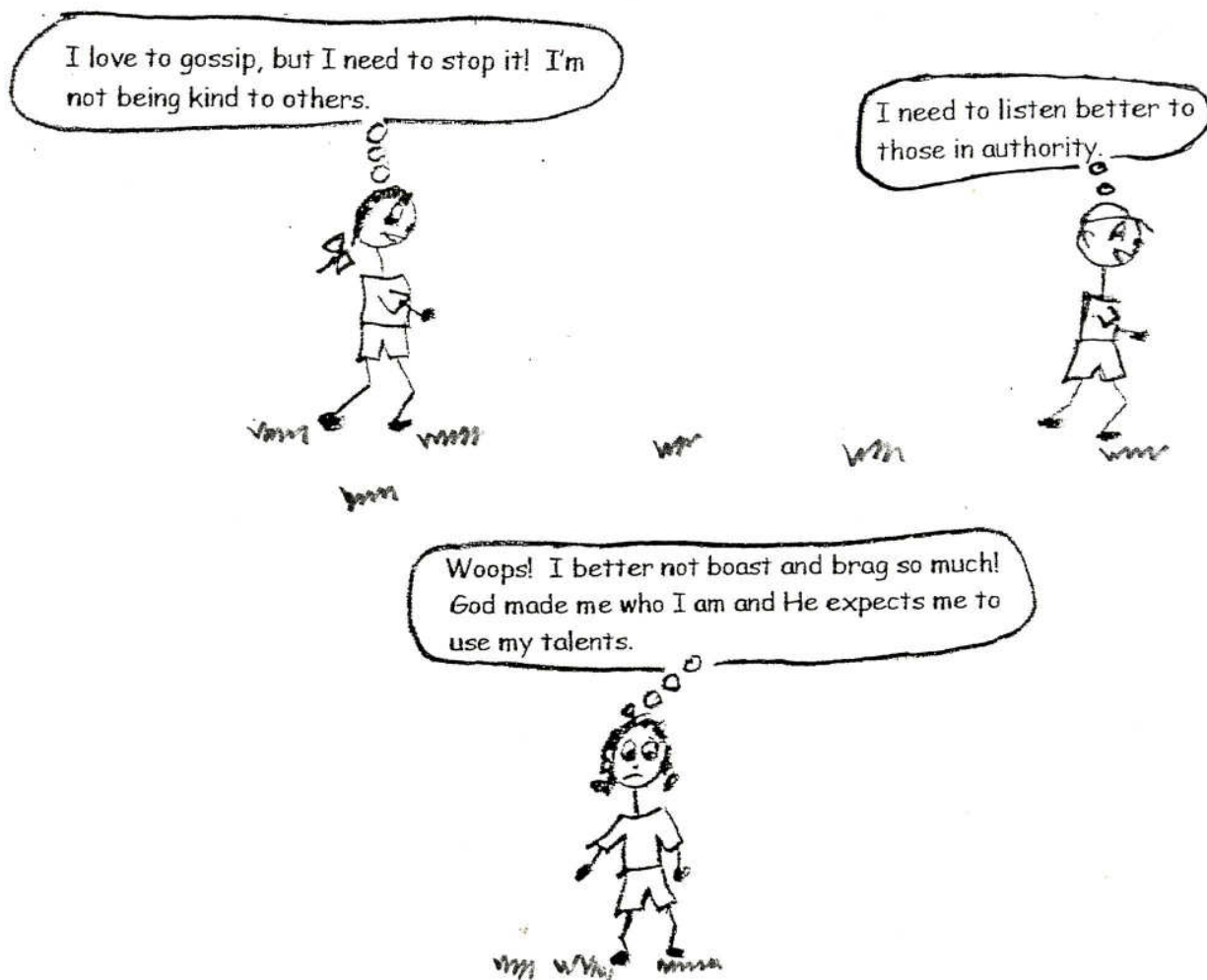
Hebrews 4:13

Satan is the father of all lies. He has the demons spread lies on earth. They use television, movies, newspapers, books, schools, and religion to do this. (Religion is man thinking that he can do the work for salvation. Christianity is God doing all the work for salvation.) Satan wants people to be confused as to what is the truth. He wants us to tell lies and live in lies. How gross!



"And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness." 2 Corinthians 11:14

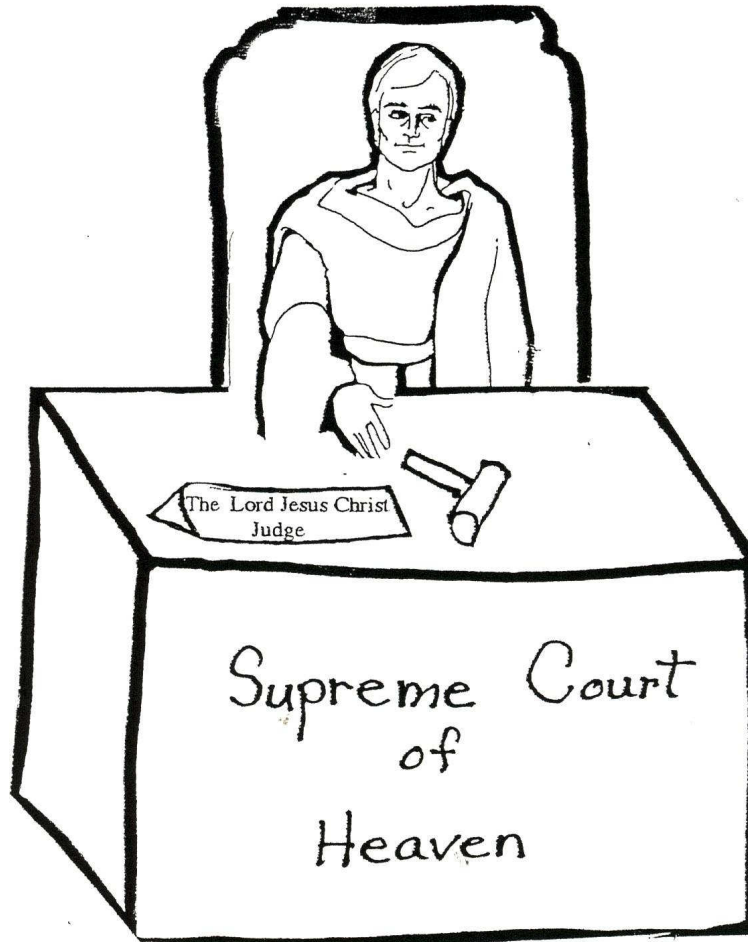
It is neither our duty nor responsibility to try to take the place of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Supreme Court Judge! It is our responsibility to evaluate or judge our own lives in the light of the standards of Bible doctrine.



"From now on, members of the Royal family of God, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things." Philippians 4:8

"Love [virtue love] is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud [arrogant]." 1 Corinthians 13:4

When we judge others, spread gossip, tell lies about others, and live the lie ourselves, we are evil believers. We think that it is our duty and responsibility to straighten out others. We are blind to our own charade or acting. We are so arrogant that we think that we should replace our Lord Jesus Christ as the judge of the Supreme Court of Heaven. Whom are we kidding? Certainly not the Judge of the Supreme Court of Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ!



"He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7

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